

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claim 8 is allowed. Claim 8 has been editorially revised without affecting its allowability.

The Specification has been amended to address the Examiner's objection.

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. New Claims 16-18 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-18 are pending.

Claims 1-7 and 9-15 have been amended to address the rejection. New Claims 16-18 have been drafted in light of the outstanding rejection.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10628) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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